

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 27 have been amended above. No new matter has been added.

Claims 11 to 30 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

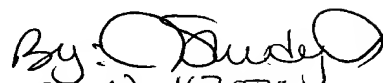
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 11 to 18, 20 to 23, and 25 to 30, have been allowed.

Claims 19 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for their recitation of the term "data encryption standard." As indicated by the Examiner and supported by Applicants' Specification, the recitation of "data encryption standard" in claims 19 and 27 does refer to the available Data Encryption Standard (DES). Thus, Applicants have amended claims 19 and 27 for clarification. Claim 24 does not recite "data encryption standard;" however, claim 27 which depends from claim 24 does. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19, 24, and 27, are allowable; and, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 24 is respectfully requested.

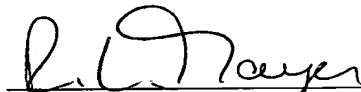
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 11 to 30 are now allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application issue.

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